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In re application of: Alan L. KRIZ *et al.*)
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Title: MAIZE EMBRYO-SPECIFIC PROMOTER)
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR)
USE THEREOF)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed 18 November 2004, Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.


Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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This response is being timely filed within three (3) months of that date and thus no extension of time is believed necessary. In the event that this paper is deemed not timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 134,125 along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper; any overpayment should be credited to the account.